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SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF MSG QUARTERS TO OFFICE SPACE

REF: STATE 040301

1. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPANDED MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT, MAKE ROOM FOR FBIS AND THE STAFF OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE, AND EFFECT OTHER MOVES TOWARD THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY IN THE CHANCERY BUILDING, THE EMBASSY IS SEEKING QUARTERS FOR THE MSG DETACHMENT OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY AND WISHES TO CONVERT PRESENT MSG QUARTERS TO OFFICES.

2. THE QUARTERS OCCUPIED BY THE MSG DETACHMENT IN THE CHANCERY ANNEX WERE NOT MEANT TO ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN NINE MEN. THE DETACHMENT PRESENTLY CONSISTS OF 13 WATCHSTANDERS FOUR OF WHOM ARE BILLETED IN A NEARBY HOTEL AT A MONTHLY COST OF DOLS 1,400.00. THE EMBASSY IS SEEKING NEW QUARTERS FOR THE DETACHMENT WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE ALL PRESENTLY ASSIGNED MEN.

3. SINCE ITS ARRIVAL ON THE SCENE IN A TEMPORARY CAPACITY FBIS HAS BEEN OCCUPYING A FORMER MOVIE SCREENING ROOM. WHEREAS THIS SPACE, ALTHOUGH NOT ADEQUATE, SUFFICED AS TEMPORARY QUARTERS IT IS

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NOT IN ANY MEASURE ADEQUATE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO FBIS THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE CHANCERY ANNEX WHICH COMPRISES THE LIVING-ROOM, DINING-ROOM, KITCHEN, STORAGE AND TWO BEDROOM AREA OF THE PRESENT MSG QUARTERS. THIS SPACE IS FAIRLY OPEN AND IS MORE EASILY ADAPTABLE TO FBIS NEEDS WITH MINIMUM ALTERATION. ADDITIONALLY, THE SPACE IS ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS SECTION AND TCU AND CONNECTIONS WITH THOSE FACILITIES WOULD BE RELATIVELY UNCOMPLICATED. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNCLASSIFIED WIREROOM AS SUGGESTED REFTEL WOULD BE POSSIBLE AND WOULD REQUIRE ONLY THE INSTALLATION OF A VACUUM TUBE SYSTEM FOR THE TRANSFER OF MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE EMBASSY C&R SECTION.

4. THE SPACE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE ANNEX (PRESENTLY BEDROOMS FOR THE MSG DETACHMENT) CAN BE CONVERTED READILY TO OFFICE SPACE AND CAN ACCOMMODATE THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER AND HIS STAFF AS WELL AS THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD OFFICE WHICH IS BEING DISPLACED ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE CHANCERY BY THE EXPANSION OF THE ACR. IN ADDITION, THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS SPACE ALSO WILL PERMIT THE RELOCATION OF TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS OF THE CHANCERY TO THE SECOND FLOOR, THUS LEAVING ALL SPACE ABOVE THE SECOND FLOOR TOTALLY RESTRICTED TO AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF. IT ALSO WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RELOCATE THE OFFICE OF THE SCIENCE ATTACHE AND ALLOW ROOM FOR MUCH-NEEDED EXPANSION OF THE GENERAL SERVICES OFFICE SPACE, RELOCATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH ROOM FACILITIES AND PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OF A ROOM FOR LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONS.

5. INASMUCH AS IT WILL OCCUPY FIFTY PERCENT OF SPACE VACATED BY THE MSG, FBIS WILL BE ASSESSED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE COST OF MOVING THE MSG DETACHMENT TO NEW QUARTERS AND FIFTY PERCENT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FIRST YEAR'S RENTAL OF NEW QUARTERS. THEY OF COURSE WILL ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ALTERATIONS TO SPACE THEY WILL OCCUPY ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE ANNEX. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION, AND IN ANTICIPATION OF APPROVAL OF ITS HEADQUARTERS, FBIS HAS SENT AN ENGINEER TO TEL AVIV TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING FOR NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE SPACE THEY WILL OCCUPY. IT IS

THEIR HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OBLIGATE
ALL NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ALTERATIONS PRIOR TO
THE END OF FY 1975.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. THE DEPT'S APPROVAL TO CONVERT PRESENT
MSG QUARTERS TO OFFICE SPACE. IN ORDER
TO COORDINATE WITH FBIS AND PERMIT THEM
TO OBLIGATE FUNDS FOR ALTERATIONS PRIOR
TO END OF FY 1975, IMMEDIATE TELEGRAPHIC ADVICE
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

B. POST ESTIMATED COSTS FOR MOVING OF MSG DETACHMENT
AND RENTAL OF NEW QUARTERS ARE INCLUDED IN
INCREASE:DECREASE STATEMENT NUMBER 1 - FY 1976

7. CHIEF OF FBIS STATION CONCURS WITH ABOVE
PROPOSALS AS DOES THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER
WHO FEELS THAT CHANGES PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE
FROM STANDPOINT OF INTERNAL SECURITY.
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